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—ERIC FRANCIS

## LIGHTS, CAMERA ... WEBBER

In the wake of Brent Musburger's recent firing at CBS, allegations followed that he didn't get along with co-workers or rubbed his audience the wrong way.

WOWT sports anchor Dave Webber understands.

"Some guys who work in this job don't like to make personal appearances, don't like to go out and meet the public and don't like to have people talk to them or sign autographs," Webber said.

"To me, that's the joy of the job. If people don't like you, they're sure as hell are not

going to watch you."

With thousand's of Omahan's tuning in to his broadcast each night, Webber said he tries to overcome that through his personality.

"When I was growing up, I liked Jack Brickhouse on WGN," Webber said. "We had him on 'Live at Five' and it was fun to meet him.

"He's very natural, and that's what I try to be."

Webber discusses singing, journalism and sportscasting in the first of a three-part series featuring Omaha's sportscasters on page 13.

### PROFILE



## EARTH DAY

## Collegians remain a large part of Earth Day

Earth Day 1970 has escalated into much more than a "youth movement" in 20 years. But, young people are still expected to be a large part of the event.

Earth Day organizers estimate about 2,000 college campuses will participate, providing the backbone for the event.

"The environment is a hot issue," said Owen Byrd, national student coordinator of the Earth Day 1990 group, headquartered in Palo Alto, Calif. "Students have a pretty sophisticated understanding that the environment touches all other issues."

Collegians planning to be part of this month's Earth Day claim it's a way to draw the nation's attention to the environment.

"This is going to start a chain reaction," said University of Nebraska-Lincoln student, J. Burger, a member of Ecology Now. "We're trying

to get prepared for new members."

The original Earth Day was planned for many of the same reasons 20 years ago.

"For 10 years I was trying to figure out some sort of device to get the environment into the political arena," said originator Gaylord Nelson. "Politicians weren't paying attention to the issue, and I thought that it was important."

"I was reading an article about an anti-Vietnam teach-in, and the idea popped into my head to hold an environment teach-in," said Nelson, then a U.S. senator from Wisconsin who currently works for the Wilderness Society in Washington, D.C.

The teach-in proved successful.

But during the Reagan years, environmental progress suffered greatly, Nelson said.

Collegians maintain the Exxon oil spill, deforestation and the threat of global warming, not a successful marketing campaign, have led

them to become environmentally active.

"The activism is a function of the urgency of the crisis," Earth Day's Byrd said.

But American University Professor Gary Weaver says it's premature to call the environmental movement "activism with a capital A."

"At this point, it's not the kind of activism we've seen in the past," he said. "It's nothing like the '60s because people aren't sacrificing for the cause."

Full-fledged political cause or not, students have already started environmental activities.

"Earth Day is beneficial, but it shouldn't be limited to just one day a year," said Rob Rosenthal, a student at the University of Nevada-Los Vegas. "It's a matter of life-style choices. There's a big difference between sitting in a park and listening to a speech and making changes in your life."



## Study hints at growing role

By GREG KOZOL

UNO could play a major role in enhancing Omaha's economic development in the '90s, according to an independent study conducted for the Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce.

"Chapter Four of Ross Boyle's Economic Development Strategy," conducted in January, suggests Omaha expand into a variety of business sectors, while becoming less dependent on regional agri-business economics.

The study made nine recommendations to help Omaha meet these economic challenges.

One recommendation called for better access to engineering programs in Omaha. Currently, the majority of the state's engineering programs are offered at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Another of the study's recommendation indicated need for a center for excellence in technology. This center would provide research and information to aid Omaha's tele-

communications industry.

According to UNO administrators, these needs could be met at UNO.

John Farr, assistant vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, said UNO is looking into the prospects of a telecommunications center.

"I think UNO is going to play a major role in that development of excellence in technology," he said.

Chancellor Del Weber, at the March 17 University of Nebraska Board of Regents meeting, said a center for excellence in technology could also involve UNL and the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

However, Weber said UNO will wait for the results of a Chamber of Commerce study on Omaha's need for a telecommunication center before making any proposals.

The study is being conducted by the Nolan-Norton research firm.

Farr also said it is too early to know what action UNO will take toward developing a

center for technical excellence.

"It's just too early to say which direction it will take," he said. "Six months from now, one would be able to talk in more detail."

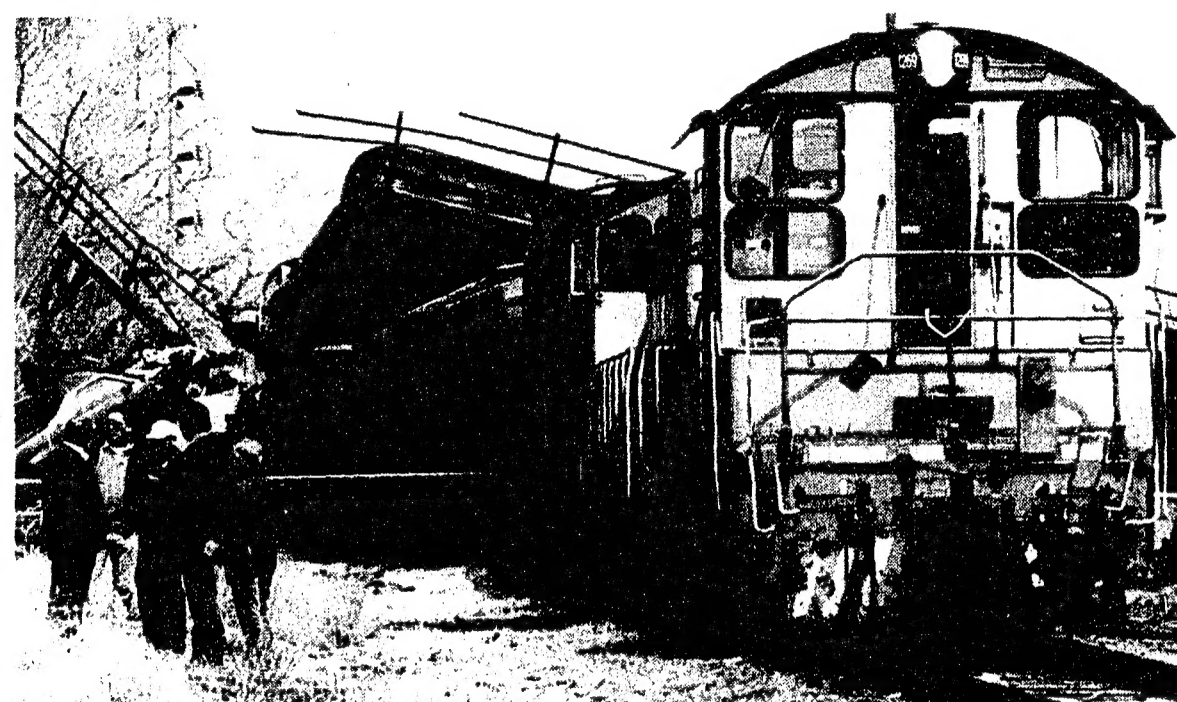
Although the study also called for increasing the number of engineering program in Omaha, Otto Bauer, vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, said that decision must be made by UNL administrators.

UNO's engineering programs are administered from the Lincoln campus.

Stanley Liberty, dean of UNL's College of Engineering, said cost is a major factor in developing any new engineering programs.

"We're looking very seriously at the study," Liberty said. "And we realize there is a need. But anytime you're talking about engineering programs, you're talking about a lot of money."

Liberty added that UNL has not made plans toward offering more engineering programs at UNO.



### U.P. bridges falling down

Three motorists were injured, one seriously, March 30 when about 150 feet of the Locust Street viaduct near 14th Avenue collapsed. The motorists' cars tumbled 40 feet to the railroad tracks below. The viaduct collapsed after three cars of a Union Pacific train derailed and struck one of the tressels.

-ERIC FRANCIS

## 'Burned out' McClenny quits

By PATRICK RUNGE

Chris McClenny had a surprise for the Student Senate March 22.

McClenny, director of the Council for Community and Legislative Relations (CCLR), announced his resignation at the meeting effective April 11. He has held the position since July, 1989.

"The compelling reasons for my resignation were personal," McClenny said. "I needed to work more to earn money. I also had my priorities screwed up. I was going to school to be in Student Government."

McClenny said he became frustrated with the UNO administration.

"I think lower-level administrators have been very helpful," McClenny said, "But when you get to the higher echelons, sometimes it seems the students aren't their most pressing concern."

He also said he became frustrated with the politics of the University of Nebraska Board of Regents and the Nebraska Legislature.

At the March 22 meeting, McClenny told the student senators how important it is to work as a team.

"What I tried to say, quite unsuccessfully because of my emotion, was that there needs to be a spirit of cooperation," McClenny said. "I believe that *esprit de corps* is lacking in student government."

UNO President/Regent Kelli Sears said she has her own view of McClenny's speech.

"I think it is really weird that he (McClenny) talks about team spirit, then quits the team," Sears said.

According to McClenny, the work load became too much to handle.

"There were so many billions of little details I had to keep track of," McClenny said. "I burned out. I'm going to recommend a restructuring of CCLR."

McClenny said the stress of the position was beginning to take its toll.

"I was getting stressed out over little things that shouldn't have been stressing me out," he said.

Sears said she agreed.

"Chris really got tied up doing too many things," Sears said. Some student government officers advised McClenny not to take on as many projects, she said.

Both Sears and McClenny agreed they had their problems working together.

"In any organization there will be things people do that you like and things they do you don't like," Sears said.

McClenny accounts for the problems as a difference in personalities.

"For a CCLR director and a president/regent to work well together, there needs to be a chemistry," McClenny said. "With Kelli and I, for whatever reason, the chemistry just wasn't there."

"What, are we dating?" Sears jokingly replied.

Sears said she was particularly upset when McClenny did not attend a public hearing on the Legislature's proposed restructuring of higher education Feb. 6.

"When I have (the University of Nebraska) Lincoln's president/regent calling me and asking why there was no one there from UNO, I get upset," Sears said.

McClenny said he had been thinking about resigning since January, but made his final decision March 22 — the day of the senate meeting.

"The decision was a surprise for me, as well," McClenny said. "I needed to do it that way or nothing would have been done."

"I can see how making my decision that way is unfair to those in critical positions that needed to know," McClenny said. "But we didn't communicate when I was in office, anyway."

McClenny said the new CCLR director will be chosen by the president/regent with the advice and consent of a selection committee consisting of Student Government officers. The committee's nomination is then subject to approval by the Student Senate.

"Whatever the changes will be, I'm sure it will be good, because there will be one more person involved in the process" McClenny said.

"But Chris McClenny without CCLR will be one person without a headache," he said.

## News Line

LOCAL NEWS EVENTS AND INFORMATION

### College eyes Bauer

Otto Bauer, UNO's vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, is being considered for the presidency of Rhode Island College.

Bauer, one of six finalist for the position, has held his current position since 1979. Bauer told the *Omaha World-Herald* his only other experience as a college administrator was a stint as acting chancellor at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside.

Rhode Island College is a four-year public institution in Providence. Robert Bower, a spokesman for the school, said the college has an enrollment of about 9,000 students.

### NU corporation secretary to retire

William F. Swanson, corporation secretary for the University of Nebraska Board of Regents, has announced his intention to retire effective May 31, 1990.

Swanson, 67, joined the university in 1974 as vice president for Governmental Relations and as corporation secretary until May 1986, when he relinquished his legislative liaison duties.

"Bill Swanson has been an excellent example of dedication and leadership," said Don Blank, chairman of the Board of Regents. "Over the years, each member of the board has been able to turn to him for sound advice and willing assistance. I know I speak for all of the regents in saying we are reluctant to see him step down."

### CCS to throw a party

The College of Continuing Studies (CCS) can't wait to celebrate.

CCS will kick off the Celebrate UNO weekend with an open house Friday, April 20, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at "UNO Downtown," the Peter Kiewit Conference Center, 1313 Farnam-on-the-mall.

All those in the college invite the public to come and visit for free entertainment, refreshments and a preview sampling of Celebrate UNO activities on the main campus.

Visitors may enter through the north entrance across from the Central Park Mall on Farnam Street.

CCS is UNO's link to the community at large. The college offers adults numerous ways to improve their careers and enrich their lives, including the bachelor of general studies degree.

### Employee of the Month 'ready to help'

Randy Kane, a labor supervisor in the Environmental Services Department, has been named UNO's Employee of the Month for April, 1990. Kane was chosen for the award on the basis of nominations submitted from his co-workers praising his hard work and dependability.

"From the smallest task of tracking down a needed item, to undertaking enormous tasks of setting up equipment for student registration and commencement, Randy is always ready and willing to help at a moment's notice," wrote one co-worker.

Kane will receive an Employee of the month pin and gift and will be honored at the April meeting of the University of Nebraska Board of Regents.

## Happy Earth Day

Earth Day might be just another bell-bottom fad. But let's hope not. Although the '70s gave birth to the flared-pant look, something good did come from all that peace-love-happiness talk. Picture the original Earth Day participants: a bunch of hippies on some grassy hill singing about the Earth? Sounds like a Coke commercial. Although it may not have happened quite like that, the first Earth Day in 1970 was a step forward. But how long will this last? The media hype is building, and the *Gateway* is as "guilty" as the rest (seven pages guilty). We're not going to let you crawl under your rock and forget about the world —

### STAFF EDITORIAL

at least for this month. Environmentalism is an important cause, but who's going to stick it out when it gets tough instead of trendy? The networks and cable are blanketing the airwaves with Earth Day commercials and promotions. But what happens when you won't be force-fed this ecological elixir? Will you forget and go back to your non-biodegradable, Styrofoam fast-food containers, and your "dolphin-killing" tuna-fish sandwiches? When environmentalism is no longer in fashion, "real" activists will continue to fight, plant trees and remember. The spirit of Earth Day (although flickering from flashbacks to the Dark Ages — also known as the "Reagan years") has survived for 20 years, and hopefully it will grow even more in the next two decades. But with the good comes the bad. Rumor has it that bell bottoms are the latest fashion trend in Paris.

As I was saying...  
-he's nuts, bonkers,  
has delusions of grandeur..



## CAMPUS ACCESS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR AN OPINION

### Niobrara resident gives 'insight'

**To the Editor:**  
Many people across the state have been hearing about proposed legislation to designate 76 miles of the Niobrara River as a scenic river. The United Action for Freedom group, headquartered in Springview, Neb., would like to let fellow Nebraskans hear the viewpoints of residents in this area. People here are independent, loyal to the land and conservationists of the highest degree, and contrary to some opinion, have been considering for some time ways to protect one of our most valuable assets — the Niobrara River. I would like to state a few reasons the people of the Niobrara basin do not support federal control of the Niobrara. First, we have an outrageous national debt. Secondly, the federal government already owns too much land, somewhere in the neighborhood of 42 percent of all the land in the United States. Third, the majority of landowners on the Niobrara River do not want this designation. I hope I have given a little insight into the feelings of the majority of us in North Central Nebraska.  
**Betty Palmer**  
United Action for Freedom Representative and Resident of Springview, Neb.

## They drank beer, broke and burned things

I initially wrote this column for the Friday before spring break, but the "Tin Turkey" letters preempted it. If there's a lull in the running gun battle between "Eric the Enemy" and "Bruce's Bullies," perhaps my belated spring break column will appear this week — hopefully purged of all tackiness (Is that a word?). Spring break — a whole glorious week! I hope you enjoyed it, and I hope the weather cooperated at your vacation spot. Right here in Omaha, I've seen green shoots poking out of the ground, heard some birds sing, even smelled a few flowers. If you went to Daytona or Fort Lauderdale or Padre Island or Lake Manawa, I hope you're not too sun burned. If you went to Vail or Aspen or Crescent, I hope you're not wearing a plaster cast. While you were soaking up sun and surf or riding that chair lift, I hope you thought about your nontraditional classmates back in River City. Though most of us didn't share your thrills and spills and romantic encounters, we had our own brand of fun. Income taxes headed my favorite spring-break pastime list — just nosing out a slide down a 40-foot razor blade into a vat of alcohol. Other biggies included changing the lawn mower's oil, washing windows, moving furniture and tilling the garden. So I hope you didn't worry about us. We had

lots of fun. Besides, some of us recall past spring breaks that provided enough excitement to last a lifetime. One past spring break in particular, comes to mind — though I didn't exactly participate. I guess I remember it because I hadn't been out of Auburn long, and because my future wife was still a college student. I was stationed at Grand Forks Air Force Base when college kids from all over the country flocked to a spring break hot spot most of you probably never considered — Zap, North Dakota. I'm not kidding. Don't ask me what the attraction was, just the name, I guess, and the warped sense of humor that went with the Vietnam war era. I reported for duty Jan. 8, 1968. After driving up from south Georgia, the warmest temperature I saw — day or night — for over two weeks, was ten below. (I cried when the dry snow squeaked under my boots because the sound reminded me of beach sand under bare feet.) I could hardly believe people lived in North Dakota of their own free will. (I went there because my only other choice was the Air Force's barbed-wire hotel.)

Those first two weeks convinced me the words "spring" and "North Dakota" did not belong in the same sentence. North Dakota has winter and summer and very little in between. (If we were lucky, summer fell on a weekend.) So spring break in a one-horse North Dakota prairie town didn't make much sense to me. But nobody asked me. "Zip to Zap" echoed across campuses all over the country — probably even UNO. Ask your parents if you don't believe me. The Zap business community (a couple of bars and a gas station, I think) had visions of dollar signs. So at first they thought it was a great idea. Unfortunately, they didn't foresee what thousands of frustrated college students would do to a sleepy little farm town. Fallow wheat fields make poor ski slopes and even worse beaches — especially in balmy North Dakota's March weather. About all that was left to do in Zap was to drink beer and break things — and burn things to keep warm. So they drank beer and broke things and burned things. I don't remember many details, but I think it's safe to say the citizens of Zap were glad the fad only lasted one year. Now aren't you sorry you wasted your time in Daytona?

### Another fan

**To the Editor:**  
I must question why the interview with Rick Setchell appeared in the March 16 *Gateway*. Perhaps because of the same reason a story appeared earlier about KRCK, and of course, Tony Barone. The *Gateway* needs to be in touch with what is happening on the UNO campus. Namely, KBLZ. KBLZ, UNO's campus station, continues to be the first station in the Omaha area to air music from new bands like the Flat Duo Jets (bands which Z-92 wouldn't air until hell freezes over) KBLZ has a volunteer staff which has put in thousands of hours broadcasting to the UNO community. Most of the KBLZ staff has worked in anonymity for many years. Rick Setchell has not. It is about time the *Gateway* starts reporting about what is happening at UNO. To UNO students, that is newsworthy.  
**Christopher S. Cooke**  
UNO Student

**Editor's note:** Just a reminder: Three stories about KBLZ have appeared in the *Gateway* within the past year — May 15, 1989, Aug. 18, 1989, and Nov. 10, 1989. The latter article was an in-depth feature (more than 13 inches long) on the volunteer station.

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# DESIGNING DEGREES

## College of Home Economics changes with the times

By GREG KOZOL

**M**arilyn Rasmussen serves as an administrator and instructor in the College of Home Economics, but there are no pots and pans in her office. Instead, the walls of Rasmussen's office are decorated with framed certificates of academic achievement.

Despite her degrees in textile clothing and design, Rasmussen said home economics is still viewed as a light-weight academic program.

"I think some people think we educate homemakers," said Rasmussen, who serves as UNO's highest-ranking administrator in Home Economics. "That is not true. We are interested in training professionals."

With the college's courses split between the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and UNO, Rasmussen serves a dual, administrator-instructor role at UNO. Karen E. Craig at UNL is the college's dean.

"I make sure our students get the same benefits a student in Lincoln would get," said Rasmussen, who sits in for Craig at some meetings. "If that phone rings, it gets handled by me."

An interest in clothes, Rasmussen admitted, originally drove her into home economics.

However, she learned to view fashion, and home economics, as a legitimate academic pursuit.

"We have to understand the whole world," she said. "If the stock market falls in Japan, like it is now, we have to understand how that will affect imports, exports and manufacturing

in this country."

Like many Nebraskans, Rasmussen said she did not realize the clothing industry's economic importance.

"Most manufacturing takes place in the Southeast or on the coasts," she said.

Rasmussen continued with her interest in clothing and design. "My father thought I'd never get a job," she said.

But in 1968, Rasmussen graduated from Duchesne College in Omaha, and, much to her father's surprise, has supported herself through teaching ever since.

However, Rasmussen and the college continue to work at shedding the "homemaker" label.

"We would like to have our graduates respected," she said. "And I don't think the community knows we're here."

The graduates, Rasmussen said, must master a variety of skills — ranging from art to economics to science.

Students studying in the college's human nutrition and food-service management department must develop a keen understanding of science, she said.

They also must keep on their toes.

"The information on foods is so confusing," she said. "One week it's 'oat bran prevents cancer.' Then it's, 'Oh no, oat bran's not the save all.'"

Human development and the family, another Home Economics department, demands a knowledge of the social sciences, Rasmussen said.

Human development graduates, Rasmussen said, will be thrust into the child-care field.

"That's the issue of the '90s, as far as I'm concerned," she said.

Interior design graduates, Rasmussen continued, find there

## DEAN'S LIST

A LOOK AT COLLEGE ADMINISTRATORS



—ERIC FRANCES

Marilyn Rasmussen says home economics is a legitimate field of study.

way into large corporations — not just elegant mansions.

"They (interior decorators) deal with efficient use of space," she said. "They find themselves working for companies like US West anytime space is moved or a new building is constructed."

Even retailers and designers must be educated to make creative changes on their feet," Rasmussen said.

"Retailing is such a changing business," she said. "Fashion is one of the most fickle things around."

Although the graduates still seek respect, they fare better in the career world, Rasmussen said.

"All I know is our graduates get placed for jobs," she said. "Our people get hired."

The fashion industry has come a long way. But will bell-bottoms return, sending the industry back some 20 years?

"No," she said. "But I guess that's more of a hope."



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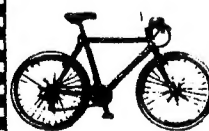
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## GATEWAY'S ENTERTAINMENT AND FEATURE WEEKLY





# EARTH DAY 1990



## An 'Earthy' celebration

By ERIC STOAKES

**S**ometimes, history repeats itself for the better.

Twenty years ago, Americans across the nation exhibited their concern of the environment through music, demonstrations and speeches — all in the name of the planet Earth.

Two decades later, America will show that same environmental enthusiasm.

Earth Day 1990, April 22, will celebrate increased awareness and demonstrate Americans' concern for the world around them.

On the local environmental front, Omaha Earth Day activities will range from bicycle parades to speakers to recycling promotions.

"We hope to raise awareness of environmental issues among the general public and stimulate that awareness, particularly in the arena of recycling," said Rick Galusha, director of retail operations at Homer's record store and one of the organizers of local Earth Day activities.

The celebration will begin at noon, April 22, in Omaha's Central Park Mall.

Six speakers, including Mayor P.J. Morgan and Sens. Bob Kerrey and James Exon, will be featured in the mall. The festivities will be co-hosted by Z-92 disc jockey Otis XII and Peter Marsh, former general manager of UNO radio station KVNO.

Other speakers will include: Lynn Moorer from Concerned Citizens of Nebraska, Dan Slattery of the Public Works Department and

Sam Welsh of Nebraska's Sustainable Agriculture Society.

Besides speakers, several local musicians will perform. Those artists include: Jackson and Almeda Berkey, Otto Rosfeld, East Coast, Neil Davis Band, Ware and Erickson and The World.

Galusha said information booths on environmental issues also will be offered, and videos will be shown throughout the day.

There will also be a bicycle "people cade" from the Henry Doorly Zoo to the park.

Another mall activity will be a "speaker's corner," where anyone can stand up and voice concerns and opinions.

In addition, the Metropolitan Utilities District will be exhibiting its natural gas-powered family car.

"It's just going to be a huge event for families and everyone," Galusha said.

And activities will not be limited to the mall. Galusha said several establishments in the Old Market area will be participating in the celebration.

All those attending the mall activities are encouraged to bring glass, aluminum, newspaper and rinsed plastic containers for recycling. Watts Trucking, Can-Pak and Renew-it Plastics Recycling will collect the recyclables.

"We want to give people a simple way that they can get involved," Galusha said. "And that way, maybe they will get in the habit."

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## High school students jump on environmental bandwagon

By MIKE GETTER

**M**iranda Lierz says high school students can make a difference, too.

Lierz, a Duchesne Academy student, was one of about 100 high school students from the Omaha area who met in the Student Center Ballroom March 18. The student "environmental ambassadors" discussed ways they can increase awareness.

"High school students can do a great deal," Lierz said. "We can start by looking at our own lives, and making sure we are not doing anything to harm the environment."

The meeting was designed to encourage high school-student involvement, according to UNO Global Education Coordinator Jay Harris.

"Many of the individuals will go back to their respective schools and organize groups," Harris said. "These groups will design ways to get their message to the community."

Michael Stansberry, a Central High School junior, said he will promote environmental issues to other students.

"Our group from Central plans to go to elementary schools and talk to the kids about what they can do to help the environment," Stansberry said.

Lierz said environmental awareness should not stop with students.

"I hope that after we talk to students about

the environment, they'll go home and tell their parents about it," she said.

Besides students and parents, Lierz said politicians need to become more concerned with environmental issues.

"I think most of our political leaders can do more to help the environment," she said.

Many students said they were concerned about being heard by government officials.

UNO Political Science Professor Bernard Kolasa spoke to the students about taking political action.

"Politics is a game," Kolasa said. "And like other games, you must learn the rules."

He told the students few organized groups can affect an election.

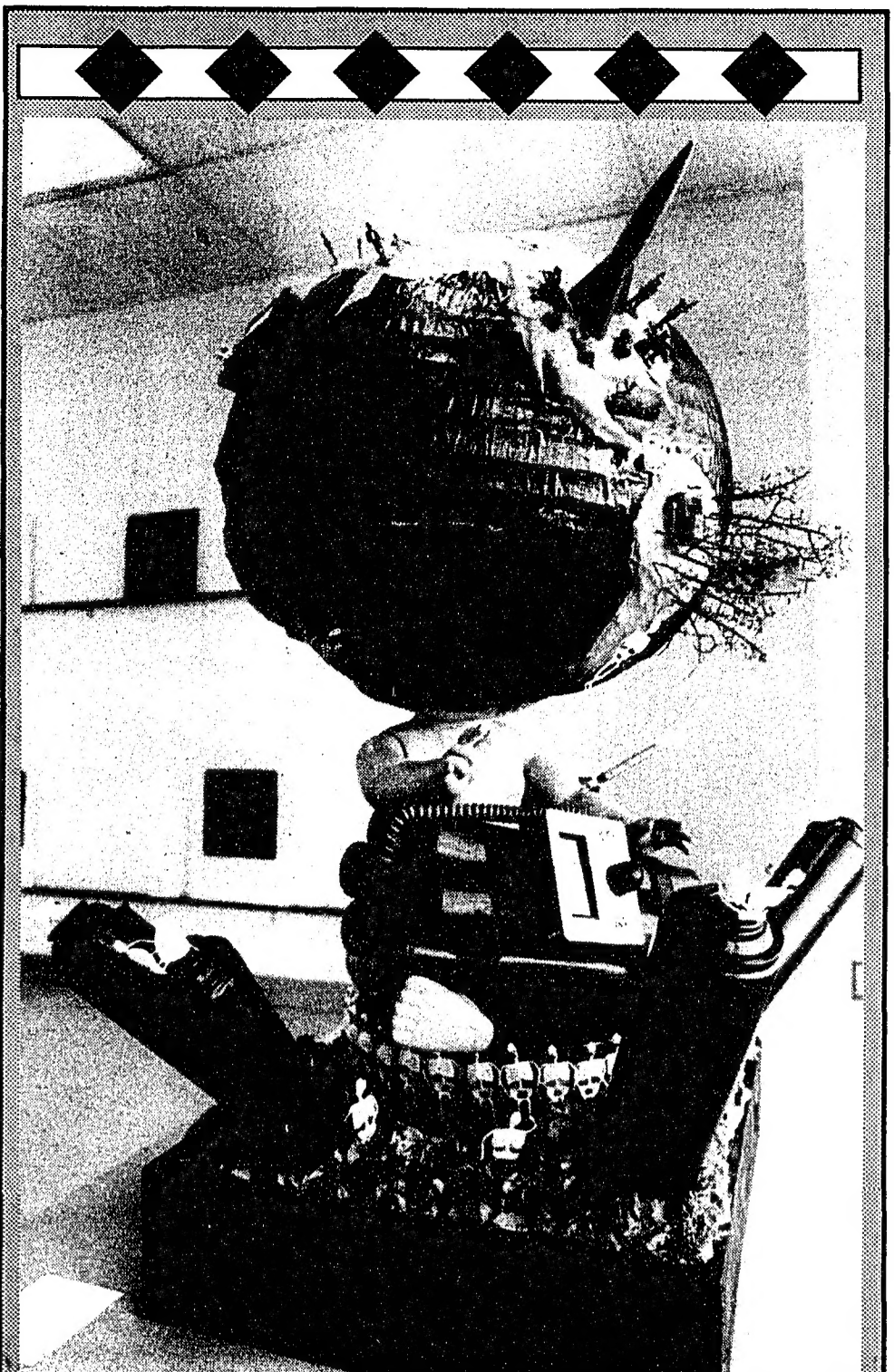
"Sit-ins and other demonstrative tactics are usually counterproductive in the long run, if you want to get a law changed," Kolasa said.

One effective demonstrative tactic, Kolasa cited, was the 1963 Civil Rights March on Washington, D.C.

Kolasa told the students that 99 percent of violent demonstrations do not cause policy changes.

"Public officials listen to people who are not only concerned, but informed and knowledgeable," Kolasa said.

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Did any of this belong to you? One of the exhibits on display at the "Earth Day 1990 Art Show."

## Recycled art from trash?

By SARAH SMOCK

**O**ne man's trash is another man's art. Hoping to increase interest in recycling, two local groups are creating art with a common theme — recycling.

The "Earth Day 1990 Art Show," sponsored by Recycle Omaha at the Standard Blue Art Gallery, 1411 Harney St., will feature "recycled" works.

According to Isabel Cohen, the show's organizer and Recycle Omaha's vice-chairwoman, the exhibit will feature everything from a papier-mache whale made from recycled catalogs to paintings on hand-made paper.

Cohen said the show's goal is two-fold.

"First, I wanted to give the artists something to focus on, because many of them seem to have lost their direction and have no theme," she said. "I also wanted to get the public thinking about things."

Cohen said she saw the opportunity to spark people's interest in recycling through their appreciation of art.

"I saw this as something I could do through Recycle Omaha that I would really enjoy," Cohen said. "We try to spur the city on toward recycling and working toward the environment."

Another opportunity to become aware of recycling through art will be offered April 21 at

Memorial Park. The "Recycled Art Project" will be creating the universal symbol for recycling from newspapers, aluminum cans and glass containers.

The exhibit will consist of about 900 five-inch stacks of recycled newspapers, 10,000 aluminum cans and 10,000 glass bottles and jars.

Anyone wishing to attend the event will be encouraged to bring cans and glass for use in the exhibit.

Nancy Kelly, director of the UNO Art Gallery, said she hopes the exhibit will serve as a "spring board" for Earth Day activities April 22.

"We want to get three words out: reduce, reuse and recycle," she said. "Recycling is definitely important, but it is more important to think about not consuming so much in the first place."

The "Recycled Art Project" will be sponsored by Can-Pak (an Omaha recycling center), Celebrate UNO and Ecology Now. With the money raised, the group will buy trees.

Both events will be open to the public. "Earth Day 1990 Art Show" can be seen April 6-22, and the "Recycled Art Project" will appear from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 21 on Memorial Park's south lawn.

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# Styrofoam on the hot seat

By KIM COLEMAN

**R**ecent efforts to ban Styrofoam use at UNO have been redirected toward recycling.

"The battle to ban Styrofoam usage in the Food Services division is a difficult one," said UNO student Kelli Rinkol, an ecology activist. "There are no feasible or cost-effective alternatives."

Rinkol proposed the ban to Food Services Manager Mike Milone last year after researching the affects of Styrofoam and chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) on the environment.

"We've found that the best alternative was the attempt to recycle," Rinkol said. "Switching to glass is too expensive and paper products are not as durable."

"Replacing Styrofoam with paper doesn't solve the problem, it redirects it. We still must contend with the usage of trees."

Milone's involvement in recycling and ecology preservation began 20 years ago, he

said.

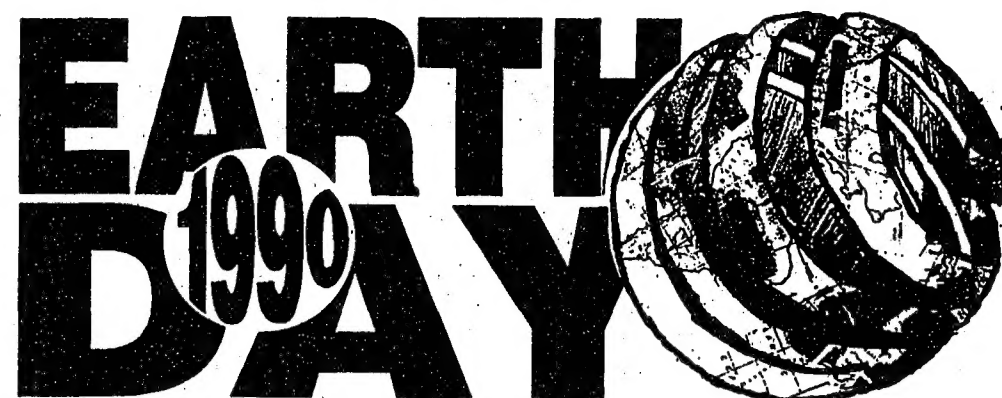
"Then, our concern was focused on recycling paper products to save the forests. Eventually this led to a much larger problem. We now have to curb the use of non-biodegradables," Milone said. "Styrofoam is a non-bacteriological product that has potential for effective recycling. It could provide a new way to produce items like picnic tables, park benches and baseball bats."

He added that chemical plants and new technology must implement programs which will make it feasible and cost-effective to recycle.

"The ultimate responsibility after that point lies with the users of these products," he said. "Our concern has moved from the CFCs used in the manufacturing of Styrofoam to the landfills containing (these) food containers. (Some) manufacturers today are not using CFCs."

Although the absence of CFCs in Styrofoam reduces its potential to harm the ozone layer, it still requires about 300 years to decompose. Paper decomposes in about 100 years.

Food and Drug Administration regulations do



not permit the use of recycled products in food service areas due to bacterial concerns.

"We're looking into the immediate problems on campus and making efforts to begin a program using refillable containers for drinks (instead of the Styrofoam containers)," Milone said. "Beverages are the most widely purchased food item on campus. We could cut our Styrofoam usage in half by pushing refills."

He suggested that the squeeze bottles sold at the Bookstore could be used at all UNO Food Service stations as part of a conservation campaign he would like to implement in this fall.

"We may offer a promotional discount on

refills," Milone said.

Before launching his campaign, Milone said he will check with the Douglas County Health Department.

"Ultimately it would be up to the students to keep their drink containers bacteria-free, but we need the 'OK' from the health department."

Milone and Rinkol said they have been working with student groups to reduce the campus waste.

Currently, Milone has taken measures to reduce the amount of Styrofoam used throughout UNO Food Services. **E**

## Author photographs some 'sacred' places

By SARAH SMOCK

**I**ndividuals can make a difference.

It's a cliché, but definitely true, according to Fredric Lehman, author of "The Sacred Landscape."

Lehman visited Omaha March 31 as part of "Navigating the 90s: Piloting the Ship Together." The seminar was sponsored by Phoenix Enterprises and organized by its president, Debra Stangl.

Lehman's book is a compilation of photographs from places around the world considered special, holy or sacred. The message of the book, according to Stangl, is that areas can be special just because of what they are.

Lehman, an author and lecturer, is the director of Nomad University, a non-profit education organization. He considers himself a social philosopher, and he recently visited Moscow as part of an international delegation to the Soviet-American Citizens Summit, Stangl said.

Saturday's seminar drew people from the Omaha area and even some out-of-state people, Stangl said.

"We had environmentalists, social services people, attorneys and doctors," she said. "The people were those who are interested in having the planet be a good place to live."

The main focus of the seminar was that every person can have an effect on the community and the world. It was also said that people need to be in harmony with the earth. These ideas go back to those of Native Americans, Stangl said.

"We need to live our lives so that we are not harming the environment. But we also need to remember that we are part of the modern world," she said. "We're obviously not going to give up our cars and other comforts."

To realistically deal with environmental problems, the seminar featured seven guests. Besides Lehman, from the Omaha area who spoke with people in small groups.

"The small groups were designed for building networks with other people in order to make things happen," Stangl said.

Topics discussed ranged from protecting the Niobrara River



One of Omaha's areas of natural landscape, Fontenelle Forest, is home to this doe. The Fontenelle Forest Nature Center will sponsor a series of environmental speakers during April, in celebration of Earth Day.

to recycling. UNO Engineering Professor Bing Chen participated by discussing alternative energy sources.

According to Chen, people need to be aware of different techniques and approaches in energy. One such alternative is passive solar heating for homes.

"People need to realize that energy is a lot greater problem than heating homes—it's a way of life," Chen said.

He said Americans use more energy per person than other developed countries, such as Japan and West Germany, and people need to be aware of these statistics, he said.

"Over one-half of the energy that has ever been has been

used up in fossil fuels," Chen said. "We have so many years to figure out what we're going to do with the rest."

Lehman might be able to provide more answers through his travels around the world trying to set up networks, Stangl said.

Phoenix Enterprises also hopes to bring in more speakers throughout the year. About 75 people attended the seminar, and Stangl said she hopes to reach a larger audience by bringing Lehman back for another seminar in September. **E**

## Earth Day activities include vacant lot reclamation

By DANIEL SHEPHERD

**O**maha may look a little greener before Earth Day, April 22.

Three vacant lots and the Malcolm X Memorial, 37th and Pinkney streets, will be "reclaimed" April 8.

The lot reclamation is sponsored by UNO's Student Programming Organization, the Omaha Jaycees and Homer's Record Stores.

"We're trying to let everyone know about Earth Day before it happens," said Tom Foster, special-events coordinator for Omaha's Earth Day activities.

"Our second goal is for people to be aware of

their city," said Rick Galusha, director of retail operations at Homer's record store and one of the event's coordinators.

Foster and Galusha are assembling a group of volunteers to collect garbage, rake debris and cut weeds on the lots.

At 10:30 a.m., the lot clean-up will begin at the 1030 N. 33rd St. lot. Foster said the remaining lots — 3510 Lafayette Ave. and 500 N. 33rd St. — and the memorial will be completed by 6 p.m.

Foster said the number of volunteers will dictate the time needed to reclaim the lots.

"We'll know at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday," Foster said, adding that those interested simply need to show up.

Mulhall's Nursery, 3615 N. 120th St., will donate four trees, the use of a truck and gardening equipment for the reclamation. Indian Creek Nursery, 303 N. Saddle Creek Rd., also will donate two trees.

Cleaning the lots and planting trees will improve the beauty and safety of the neighborhoods, according to Foster.

"We will be providing a healthier environment," he said. "The sidewalks are strewn with

glass; little kids fall and cut themselves."

Foster cited vacant lots as one of the few natural settings in cities.

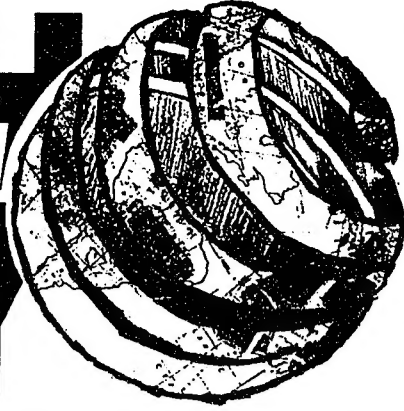
"We're going to try and naturalize," he added.

After the reclamation, the neighborhoods will be responsible for maintaining the lots.

"We're going to knock on a few doors to ask neighbors to keep the trees wet," Foster said. **E**



# EARTH DAY 1990



## Ecology Now sponsors expo

By DANIEL SHEPHERD

**T**he planet may benefit from this benefit. UNO Ecology Now will kick off Planet Awareness Week with an Environmental Expo and concert April 14.

"Hopefully, this benefit will appeal to many and encourage citizens to come down to the expo, rather than just people who want to hear rock 'n' roll," said Michael Brandon, founder of UNO Ecology Now.

The expo will begin at 3 p.m. in St. Peter's Bingo Hall, 723 S. 27th St.

With a \$4 admission charge, Brandon said this event is "in the price range of the common man."

The group invited local, state and national environmental organizations to attend the Environmental Expo.

"We've invited the concerned citizens of Boyd and Nuckolls Counties, and all of the smaller groups that Concerned Citizens of Nebraska represents, to come down and have

an information table," Brandon said.

Boyd, Nemaha and Nuckolls Counties are under consideration as possible locations for U.S. Ecology's low-level radioactive waste site.

Ecology Now also invited a group of Kimball, Neb., residents opposed to building a waste incinerator in Kimball County and the Sierra Club.

Ecology Now will serve a spaghetti dinner at 4 p.m. for the first 150 people at the expo.

After the dinner, three local bands, Tri-pAkimbo, Just Friends and The Acorns, will perform an "all-ages" concert at 6 p.m., and a cash bar will be open.

Half of the proceeds will be donated to Concerned Citizens of Nebraska.

"I'd like to be able to send Concerned Citizens away with \$700 to \$1,000, but a lot of people need to help us," Brandon said.

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## Profit the earth

**F**uturist and environmental economist Hazel Henderson stresses the role that consumers can play in "profiting the earth." The program airs Monday, April 16, at 7 p.m. on most PBS

stations. Produced by University of Nebraska-Lincoln/The Nebraska ETN Network for the Public Television Outreach Alliance.

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## Nebraskans voice concern on solid waste

By KENT WALTON

**I**f you are concerned about solid-waste disposal in Nebraska, you are not alone, according to Karren Kerr, president of the Nebraska League of Women Voters.

"The issue of solid-waste disposal is a big concern for Nebraskans, simply because Nebraska has such lax laws concerning the disposal of solid waste," she said.

Kerr was one speaker on the five-member Nebraska panel who discussed solid-waste disposal Wednesday on the Keep America Beautiful teleconference.

Preceding the Nebraska teleconference, a national solid-waste disposal teleconference aired at more than 140 sites. Viewers were invited to phone in questions to the eight national panelists.

After the two-hour national call-in, Nebraska viewers turned their concerns to the local panelists.

The Nebraska panel, filmed at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, was moderated by Dannie Dearing, an environmental program specialist for the Nebraska Department of Environmental Control.

Dearing said many Nebraskans are concerned about the high cost of transporting recyclable goods and Subtitle D, the Environmental Protection Agency's proposal to put stronger guidelines on solid-waste management. She emphasized her own concern about the Legislature's Whitney Amendment, proposing to deregulate waste sites in rural Nebraska communities.

"The Whitney Amendment would allow communities with 5,000 members or less to have an open dump site that is not registered or run by the department (of environmental control)," she said.



-Bob Wood

Local dumps like this was one of the issues discussed at a recent teleconference.

Many Nebraskans expressed concern about the contamination of ground-water supplies by hazardous waste and the disposal of household waste.

However, Dearing said the board did not answer any questions regarding the disposal of low-level nuclear waste in Nebraska, because nuclear waste is not classified as solid waste.

Because nuclear-waste disposal is monitored so heavily, Kerr said people need to be aware of solid-waste hazards, too.

"One thing that Nebraskans have to realize is that solid waste has the potential to be a greater threat to the environment (than nuclear waste)," she said.

Kerr said she was impressed by the large amount of concern Nebraskans have for the environment.

"You plow along and you plow along, and it is encouraging to see the involvement," she said. "After the last Earth Day, we saw a lot of legislation passed, and we hope to see that again this year."

Other members on the Nebraska panel included state Sen. Spencer Morrissey; Floyd Vrtiska, a representative for county government on the Environmental Control Council; Don Dempsey, Nebraska chapter president of the Government Refuse Collection and Disposal Association and Jack Sukovaty, division chief of land quality at the Nebraska Department of Environmental Control.

The Nebraska teleconference was sponsored by the Nebraska chapter of Keep America Beautiful and the Nebraska Wildlife Federation.

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# HUGH KAUFMAN

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## EPA official calls compact a 'bad business deal'

BY ELIZABETH OMMACHEN

**H**ugh Kaufman says "it's about time to bring some law and order to Nebraska."

Known for exposing corruption in the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in 1982, Kaufman — assistant to the director of the EPA's Hazardous Site Control Division — will discuss Nebraska's white-collar crime and waste-management issues in the Student Center Ballroom at 9:30 a.m. today.

"Nebraska will be one of the few major dumping grounds for America's radioactive and hazardous waste," he said.

The Central Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact Commission — which includes Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas — cites Nebraska as the host state for a five-state, low-level radioactive waste site. Kaufman called the compact "a bad business deal" for Nebraska and added that his concern with Nebraska environmental politics is not just a passing interest.

In 1988, the compact hired a waste-management company, U.S. Ecology, which recommended Nora, Neb. and two other locations as possible waste sites. In February, 1989, some Nora farmers asked Kaufman to represent them in a county meeting.

And that's where it all began.

U.S. Ecology is no longer looking at Nora as a possible waste site, and it will apply for a license to build a low-level radioactive waste site in Boyd County, Neb., according to Mike Linder, legal counsel for the Nebraska Department of Environmental Control (DEC).

However, Kaufman said Boyd, Nemaha and Nuckolls Counties are "still in the running" as possible sites.

"Nebraska's new favorite son," as *Newsweek* called him, said he has a few problems with his "parent" state.

"I don't think you have strong enough laws or strong enough enforcement of your existing laws," Kaufman said, adding that the (DEC) is not doing its job.

"They haven't met a permit applicant for a waste dump that they haven't liked," he said. "And that's not the intent of the law. It's their intent to try to issue any permit that is applied for from anybody. There will have to be some changes made."

Kaufman said the DEC has no authority to license a nuclear waste site in Nebraska.

"In fact, the federal government's agreement with the state specifically prohibits the state of Nebraska from regulating nuclear waste," he said.

However, Linder disagreed.

"Nebraska — and in particular the DEC — has been given the authority to regulate the low-level waste facility in Nebraska," Linder said, citing the Low-level Radioactive Waste Disposal Act as the legislative basis for the state's authority.

But Kaufman said he will provide "documentation which shows they (the DEC) do not enforce the law" during his presentation today.

Kaufman claimed two high-ranking DEC officials are being investigated by the criminal grand jury in Nuckolls County.

Both Superior and Nora are in Nuckolls County, one of the prospective locations for U.S. Ecology's waste site.

"(Raymond) Peery is the executive director of the compact," Kaufman said. "And the charges against him, among other things, are bribery and the obstruction of government process."

Peery declined comment on the issue, citing a court order by the Nuckolls County grand jury.

"I am not allowed to say anything," Peery said.

Kaufman also claims Norman Thorsen, chairman of the compact and the governor's legal advisor, is being investigated by the grand jury.

The *Superior Express* newspaper published Thorsen's name in a petition the voters of Nuckolls County signed to call the grand jury.

Bill Blauvelt, *Superior Express* editor, said the grand jury will investigate alleged violations of Nebraska laws which occurred in Nuckolls County, including: attempted violations or violations of the open meetings law, obstruction of government operations and assault.

According to the published petition: "... Item 4, in violation of the laws of the state of Nebraska with respect to assault... by Norman Thorsen, on or about Nov. 17, and Joe Sullivan, on or about Dec. 9..."

The *Superior Express* printed the petition in its entirety; however, they have not printed other names of those subpoenaed by the grand jury.

"Peery or Dennis Grams, (director of the DEC), are not named in this grand jury call, specifically," Blauvelt said. "There have certainly been threats (by Kaufman) that they were going to have a grand jury investigate U.S. Ecology, DEC, Central Interstate Compact Commission and the whole works. Kaufman has certainly been threatening that he would have grand juries investigate lots of things."

Blauvelt said Kaufman indicated to him the he "probably" would testify before the Nuckolls County grand jury.

"The opponents of the nuclear waste issue cited 41 instances where the local monitoring



**Hugh Kaufman said he wants to clean up this state.** This Environmental Protection Agency official will discuss the white-collar crime issue at the Student Center Ballroom today.

committee had done something which they felt was in violation of the law, (and they submitted them) to the attorney general's office," Blauvelt said. "And the attorney general's office said they can find no basis for violations. If the attorney general can't find the violations, how's the grand jury going to find the violations?"

Kaufman claimed that Deputy Attorney General Gene Crump also is being investigated by the grand jury, adding that he, himself, has considered running for attorney general in Nebraska's upcoming election.

Kaufman said as attorney general, he could clean up this state.

"I think my constituency would be the farmers and the decent people who want to clean up Nebraska, and my opposition would be the big financial interests — both in and out of state — that are basically picking Nebraska clean," he said.

And Gov. Kay Orr, according to Kaufman, has not helped to solve Nebraska's environmental problems.

"I don't think Gov. Orr has the brainpower to understand the full ramifications of those issues," he said. "Consequently, she's doomed to failure because of that."

Doug Parrott, Orr's press secretary, said Kaufman's comment "borders on a sexist statement."

"I think the majority of Nebraskans understand that Mr. Kaufman's main goal is to promote Mr. Kaufman," Parrott said. "And his best way to do that is by stirring up controversy."

But Orr is not the only politician that Kaufman finds environmental fault with.

He said the United States hasn't had an environmental president since the Nixon and Ford administrations.

"He (Bush) is not a leader. He's a good old boy, and he's just not going to rock the boat, and maybe that's not bad for the country at this juncture," Kaufman said, adding that his comments reflect his 20 years of experience with the EPA and not necessarily his political position on the Bush administration.

Before the EPA's establishment in 1971, there was another step forward for environmentalism: Earth Day 1970.

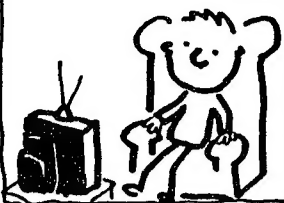
"The first Earth Day was a bunch of kids that suspected something was wrong and made a lot of noise," Kaufman said.

"This Earth Day's supporters are more the mainstream of America: Joe and Sally Smith who belong to the PTA and are active in community groups. And I think that's why this Earth Day is much more powerful than the first."

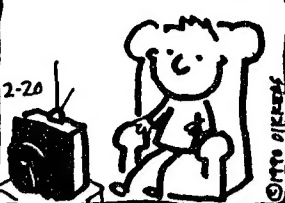
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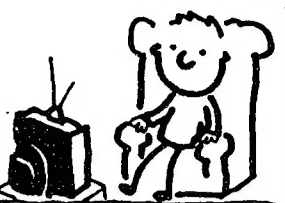
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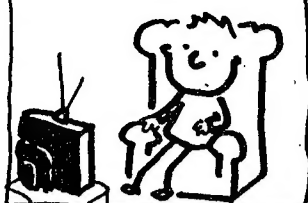
I had some homework to do for the next day in school.



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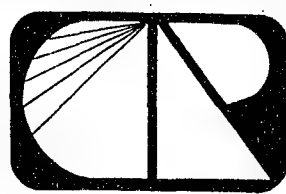
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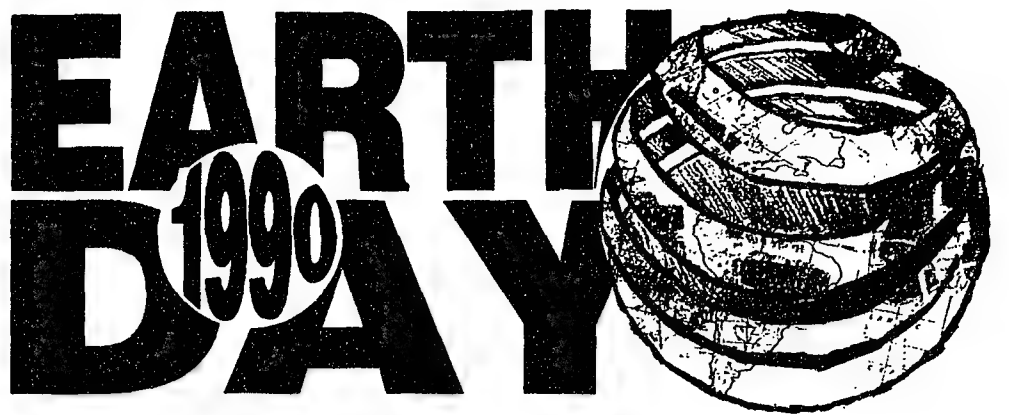
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# A CALENDAR OF EARTH DAY EVENTS



## SPEAKERS

**April 6: MORE THAN AN EXPOSE.**  
"The man who exposed corruption in the Environmental Protection Agency," **Hugh Kaufman** will speak in the Student Center Ballroom today at 9:30 a.m.

**April 9: A FARM THAT RUNS ON SUNLIGHT?**  
The Development Director of the Land Institute in Salina, Kan., **Tom Mulhern**, will explore this possibility at 7 p.m. in the Fontnelle Forest Nature Center.

**April 12: DON'T EAT THE TUNA.**  
Greenpeace activist **Christopher Childs** will discuss the preservation of endangered species — dolphins, whales, sea turtles and penguins — in the Student Center Ballroom at 11 a.m.

**April 16: POISONLESS OPTIONS.**  
Organic Landscape Designer **Tony Hron** and co-founder of Nebraska Sustainable Agriculture Society **Bob Steffen** will discuss alternatives to pesticides in the Fontnelle Forest Nature Center at 7 p.m.

**April 23: PRAIRIE ISSUE FIRES UP.**  
UNO Biology Professor **Tom Bragg**, will present "Prairie Preservation and Restoration in Omaha" in the Fontnelle Forest Nature Center at 7 p.m.

**April 30: CAN'T SWALLOW TWO FORKS?**  
Limnologist **John Anderson** of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will present "Two Forks: A National Disgrace" in the Fontnelle Forest Nature Center at 7 p.m.

For reservations or more information regarding presentations in the Fontnelle Forest Nature Center, 1111 Bellevue Blvd. North, Bellevue, NE. call (402) 731-3140.

**April 6: CLEAN ART.**  
The "Recycle Omaha" art exhibit can be viewed at the Standard Blue Gallery, 1315 Harney St., through April 22.

## ACTIVITIES

**April 8: DO-IT-YOURSELF GREENER PASTURES.**  
Local volunteers will plant trees in four Omaha vacant lots. For more information

call **Tom Foster** at 455-5836 or **Rick Galusha** at 330-3013.

**April 14: MUSIC TO FIGHT BY.**  
UNO Ecology Now will sponsor a benefit concert featuring **The Acorns, Just Friends** and **Trip Akimbo** at 6 p.m. in St. Peter's Hall, 27th and Leavenworth. Half the proceeds fight nuclear waste disposal in Nebraska.

**April 20: ZOO'S WHO.**  
The Henry Doorly Zoo's Conservation Weekend, including environmental displays, presentations and programs about endangered species, will run through April 22. Bring six aluminum cans and receive a special souvenir.

**April 21: "HOW TO SAVE THE PLANET."**  
The Omaha Children's Museum, 551 S. 18th St., will sponsor a workshop for children and parents interested in saving the planet Earth. For more information call 342-6163.

**"WASTE NOT, WANT NOT."**  
The American Association of University Women will sponsor the "Planning a

'Waste Not' Future" conference from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Notre Dame Center, 35th and State St.

## April 22: EARTH DAY

**THE FAIR AFFAIR**  
The Central Park Mall will host the Omaha/Earth Day 1990 Environmental Fair, noon to 8 p.m. In addition to speakers, information booths, bike riding and a recycling drive, performances by **Jackson and Almeda Berkey, Luigi Waites** and the **World** will highlight the day.

**A TREE FOR YOUR THOUGHTS?**  
The Neal Woods will be having a pre-Arbor Day tree sale.

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OPINION BY FORMER GATEWAY SPORTS EDITORS

Sports is spelled  
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How do you spell money?

In the world of big-time athletics, it's spelled G-R-E-E-D.

All one has to do is pick up the newspaper or any sports magazine and it looks like the *Wall Street Journal*.

Look at the recent settlement between the Baseball Player's Association and the owners.

While everyone breathes a sigh of relief that we can finally "play ball," the greed is all but forgotten and bygones are bygones.

But everyone has not forgotten

The folks in sun-drenched resorts like Florida and Arizona are clamoring over the avalanche of Northern dollars their communities WOULD have IF spring training had gone as scheduled.

While the players got virtually everything they asked for in the agreement, we must take a brief second to pity the poor owners who claimed they were taken to the cleaners.

Minimum salaries increased \$32,000.

Rosters will expand to 25 players in 1991.

Some players with two or three years service in the bigs will be eligible for salary arbitration.

Toss in another \$16 million for the players' pension fund and one wonders how the poor owners can make a buck.

Enter another of the culprits in the money-for-nothing scheme...big dollar CBS.

Who was more anxious for the season to start? Hard-core fans reveling in the memory of Kirk Gibson's dramatic World Series homer in 1988? The long-suffering Boston fan remembering the grounder to Bill Buckner in 1986? Or the Cub fan always crying, "Wait until next year?"

Nope. It has to be CBS, the network that throws money at every sporting event this side of the occasional game of jacks or back-alley marbles.

The '92 Olympics cost mega-bucks, the NFL gets a big wad every contract, CBS virtually bought the entire NCAA basketball tournament next year, and they still had a few pennies left for baseball.

Hey, \$1.6 billion for a four-year contract with Major League Baseball is a drop in the bucket. It's chump change. Big-wig walkin' money. No big deal, right?

Right, unless there's no baseball season. It's possible that some CBS execs considered jumping off their bankrolls during the strike.

They've even moved back the playoffs just so we poor baseball nuts get a full 162-game season. Darn nice of those guys at CBS.

And while we're talking about nice guys, don't forget that always-misunderstood maverick of the coast, Al Davis.

First, he moves the Oakland Raiders to L.A., pocketing a sweet \$18 million anti-trust settlement from the NFL. He garners another \$10 million from poor Irwindale for a deposit on the Raiders.

Now, he wants to move back to Oakland; all for a mere \$54.9 million cash and a rebuilt stadium for another \$53.5 million. The city also plans to make up any shortfall to Davis if the Raiders don't take in \$416.8 million in tickets and another \$130.8 million in luxury boxes and stadium club membership over the next 15 years.

Hey Al, got a dime?

Roger Hamer was a Gateway Sports Editor in 1982.

## WEBBS

Behind the  
scenesDave Webber tries  
to keep his image  
the same on and  
off the screen

By TONY FLOTT

**D**ave Webber arrived at the Ak-Sar-Ben coliseum at 6 p.m. In 20 minutes, he would be giving a live broadcast.

Upon entering the arena, the WQWT sports anchor immediately noticed his camera crew setting up in the wrong area. Yelling out instructions from across the ice, the salt-and-pepper-haired Webber directed the crew to the right location.

With 10 minutes left until air-time, Webber started searching for Omaha Lancers defenseman Derek Schooley, whom he planned to interview while the rest of the team warmed up for the upcoming championship series.

Schooley, however, was heading toward the other side of the rink, where KMTV was set up.

Seeing the prospect of losing his interview to another television station, Webber quickly snapped into action.

"Hey! You're not going on that puny station," Webber yelled jokingly. "You're going on a real station tonight."

Schooley, looking unsure about what awaited him, slowly skated in the direction of that booming voice.

But Webber quickly put any fears the defenseman might have had to rest, joking and putting him at ease.

With one minute to air-time, Webber showed no signs of nervousness.

While watching his monitor with the seconds ticking down, his primary concern was the weather forecast, which called for rain. He had made plans to golf the next day.

Webber resumed his chat with Schooley, but now it was live. His smooth transition from conversation to formal interview seemed hardly noticeable.

Unlike some Dr. Jekyll-and-Mr. Hyde broadcasters, Webber made no personality changes once the camera started rolling.

And that is a philosophy this sports anchor said he adheres to.

"What you see is what you get," Webber said. "People should be able to expect the same person in person as they see on television."

"If you're warm and friendly on TV and then some kind of cold fish in person, what does that tell people?"

That statement characterizes Webber, who hails from Evanston, Ill., a Chicago suburb. For the last 12 years (eight as sports director) Webber has been entering Omaha's living rooms through his Channel 6 broadcasts.

Omaha World-Herald Sports Editor Mike Kelly, who joins Webber on Friday's 5 p.m.



—ERIC FARMER

Whether he's conducting an interview, giving a broadcast or just talking on the phone, Dave Webber says he tries to come across sincere.

broadcasts, agreed that Webber's personality doesn't change once he is behind the camera.

"On the air, it's like he has no ego," Kelly said. "I'm not a professional broadcast guy, but right from the beginning, he really did try to make me feel comfortable. He never worries."

Kelly cited only one instance when Webber pulls the wool over the public's eyes.

"One thing viewers don't see is that sometimes he will have on a nice suit coat, tie and shirt, and underneath he has got Bermuda shorts on."

Despite his trouser-tricks, Webber said honesty with the audience is essential.

"I had a kid come up to me at an Omaha Royals game one night and say, 'Mr. Webber, you don't remember me, but you gave me a baseball when I was 10 years old. I still have it on my dresser in a little plastic case with your picture that I took off the TV.'"

"Damn! You never know how what you say or do is going to touch somebody. That's memorable to me. You can't fool the public."

As thousands of viewers watch him each night, Webber said he talks one-on-one with the audience.

"You see people who can talk to a camera, and you really think they're communicating with you," Webber said. "And then you see people who you think are just talking."

Sitting at the treasure-covered desk he called "his life," Webber credited his family roots as the reason he became interested in communication.

"My dad's parents and grandparents grew up in the South and were farmers and storytellers," Webber said. "I had an uncle who was a great guitar player and singer."

"He sent back records to my mom but got killed in the second World War about the time I was born. My mom said she kind of thought some of his spirit got into me. I hope so."

His mother's hopes proved correct when Webber became a folk singer in the 1960s.

"Singing got in my blood," said Webber, who later performed for six years in Omaha with guitarist/singer Doug Fackler. "I was in a duet called Dave and Colleen. When I grew up in Chicago we used to lie about our age and sneak into some of the coffee houses down in Old Town."

Webber kept good company in the coffee houses. Among his fellow performers were Peter, Paul and Mary.

"I just loved it," Webber said. "If I had my druthers, it would be listening to a Cubs radio game on an ear phone, singing and playing golf."

SEE WEBBS ON PAGE 15



# Amy, Amy surprise for Lady Mavs

By DEAN F. FLYR

Two young UNO Lady Mav pitchers are bullying their competition around.

Although they are only freshmen, Amy Pick and Amy Boyd have led the Lady Mavs to a 13-3 record and a No. 17 national ranking.

Despite their lack of collegiate experience, both Boyd and Pick said they are far from being novice pitchers.

"I have been throwing constantly since I was 13," said Pick, who carries a record of 6-1. "Even in the winter, I still threw. I am confident in myself that I can do it."

Going into the season, Coach Mary Yori said she never thought Boyd and Pick would get the chance to prove themselves.

"When I recruited them last year, I thought they would fit in nicely with the two seniors and would get a year to catch on and get experience," Yori said.

However, when seniors Debbie Crouse and Beth Wedge decided not play this season, Yori said she had no choice but to start the freshmen.

"It's like throwing them to the dogs and seeing what they can do," Yori said. "So far, they have done a good job."

Pick, with a record of 6-1, has been showing her experience.

A 1989 graduate of Omaha Central High School, Pick said she started playing softball in the fourth grade.

"My dad started me out," Pick said. "He was the coach of my softball team when I was little, and he put me at pitcher, even though it was slow-pitch."

Although Central did not have a softball team, Pick participated in Omaha Softball Association summer leagues while attending fall and winter clinics.

Boyd, on the other hand, did not receive as much coaching.

"I was a terrible softball player when I first started out," Boyd said. "I was the one they never wanted to bat. The one they never wanted to play. I was just kind of stuck in the background."

That was before Boyd discovered pitching.

"I really had no desire to be a pitcher, but I was the only one who could throw the ball in there," Boyd said. "I never had a pitching coach or someone there telling me, 'You're doing this right, you're doing this wrong.' I just threw the ball."

Whatever their experience, Yori said it is velocity that separates Boyd and Pick from last year's hurlers.

"As freshman, they are actually pitching better than our juniors were last year," Yori said. "These two both throw a lot harder than last year's pitchers did."

Yori said Pick has better movement on the ball, and Boyd throws the hardest of the two.

With four North Central Conference teams ranked in the top 20, Yori said both pitchers should realize things are not always going to go smoothly.

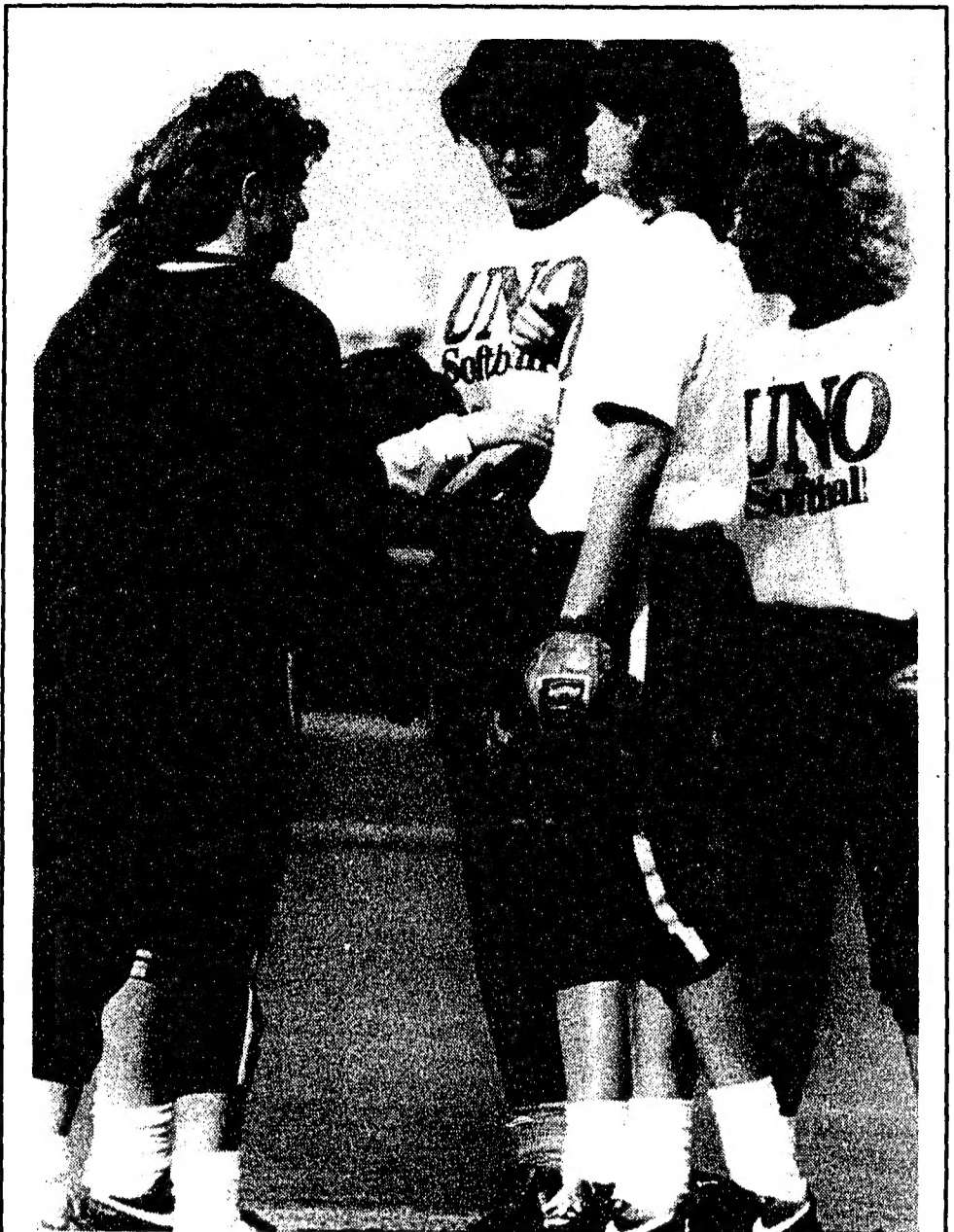
"As we play better competition, they're going to realize that some days they are going to get hit and they can not get frustrated about that," Yori said.

Pitching coach Mike West said the two freshman should always be able to rely on defense.

"The defense has done a great job so far," West said. "They have made some really incredible plays, which have definitely led to the shut-outs we have had."

Despite the success, Pick said being a rookie has had its rough moments.

"I was nervous about being a freshman, but I am settling down now because I've got a lot of confidence in our defense. I do not have to worry as much about pitching."



Members of UNO's softball team discuss strategy during a game earlier this season.



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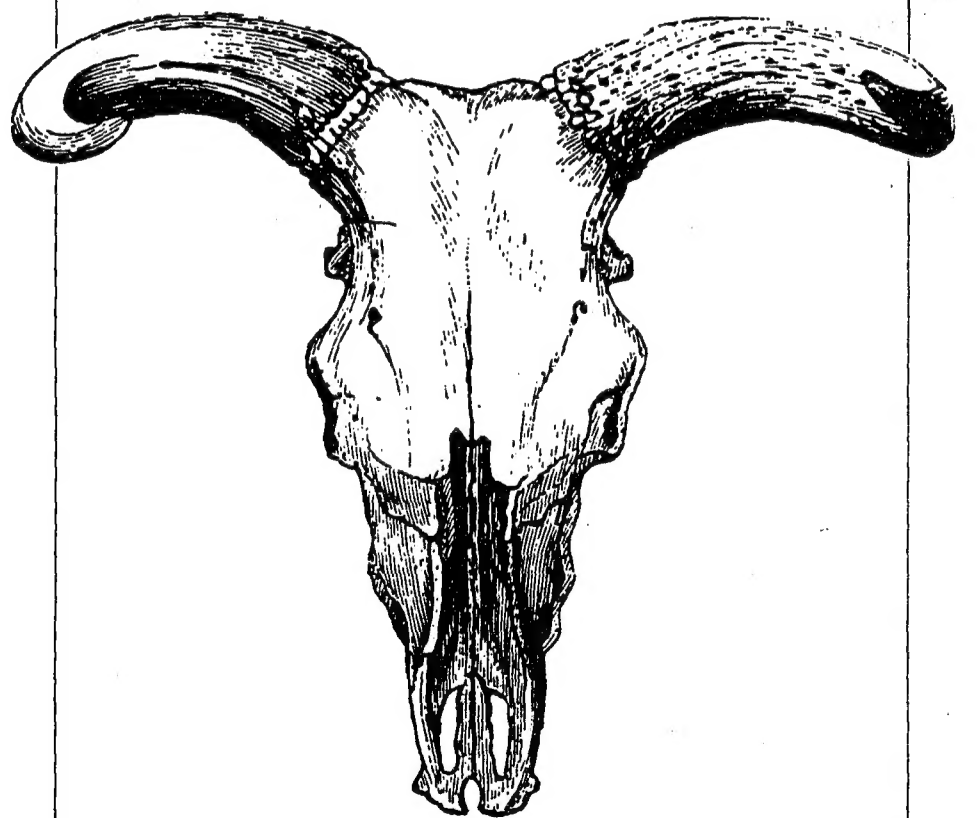
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"That would be a perfect day, but I don't know what would happen on the golf course."

After four years in the Air Force and one year at Omaha radio station KLNQ, Webber started singing professionally.

"I found out I could make twice the money singing three or four nights a week as I could working 60 hours a week at the radio station," Webber said. "So I quit that and started singing full-time and went to college at UNO."

Majoring in oral interpretation, with journalism as a "side-line," Webber later gave up his singing career.

"It got to the point when I got married that I figured I had better get a steadier job, and I went back to work at KFAB for four years," said Webber, who, along with his wife Terri, has three children, David, Marcie and Joel.

Despite giving up a professional singing career, Webber continues to put his familiar voice to use. In addition to singing the national anthem at UNO basketball games, he performs about 250 commercial voice-overs a year.

"The voice-over work is extra money, and I think it's something that if I didn't take advantage of, I'd be crazy."

While serving as a staff announcer at Omaha radio station KFAB, Webber got his first break in his current medium.

"I went up to Sioux City to have lunch with a guy who used to work at KFAB, and I was sitting at his desk when the sports guy came in. Everybody was congratulating him and having cake and ice cream," Webber explained.

"John Posten, who had been in radio and television back here, saw me sitting at the desk and said, 'Did you ever think about going into television? Come on into the studio and see what you look like on camera.'"

Impressed by his performance, Sioux

City's KMEG hired Webber as sports director.

Once in television, Webber put his storytelling talents to use in areas other than sports.

"I was host of 'Pop's Bijou Theatre,' a kids show with the 'Little Rascals' and 'Laurel and Hardy,'" said Webber, laughing. "We did it every afternoon, and I had makeup on with a big moustache and hat."

"I got paid \$50 extra a week for being Pops and \$25 for hosting the Saturday-night family movie."

Despite the extra money, "Pops" eventually found his way back to Omaha.

After quitting KMEG and a stint working for his father-in-law in Idaho, Webber placed a call to Kal Kirshen, a salesman at KMTV, who informed Webber of an opening at WOWT.

Once again, Webber found himself "in the right place at the right time, within a matter of five minutes." He was offered the job, and three years later, after current KETV sports anchor John Kniceley left WOWT, Webber was promoted to sports director.

The promotion left Webber with more responsibilities, but he took on even more duties after personnel cutbacks at the station.

For most of his broadcasts, Webber interviews the sources, writes the copy and films and edits the videotapes.

"You go to a game and they say, 'Where the hell is your help Dave?' It's kind of a challenge," Webber said.

Although he does most of his work alone, Webber has plenty of company back in his WOWT office.

With 15 shelves overflowing with videotapes, and sports banners and hats covering the walls, the office is shared by Webber, his fellow sports anchor Rich Thiesfeld and farm



—ERIC FRANCES

For most of his stories, Webber says he interviews, writes copy and shoots and edits videotape

director Bryce Anderson.

On a shelf above Webber's desk rests a cup proclaiming, "American Lover. 24-hour service by appointment only during baseball, hockey, basketball and football seasons."

It's those seasons that keep Webber busy. And the heavy work load, Webber said, can be tedious.

"After working your ass off all day, someone says, 'OK, what are you going to do tomorrow?' I'm not saying they're Rembrandts, but it's like asking a painter to paint a picture every day. It makes me feel real special."

Like a painter, though, Webber said he

sometimes runs out of canvas.

"This business just grinds you up and spits you out when you have to keep coming up with stories day after day," Webber said. "Pretty soon, you just get empty — hopelessly not before you're ready to move on."

"There's nothing worse than a tired journalist trying to crank out the crap."

But Webber said he is not about to give it all up.

"I love this job. I love sports, being on television and the notoriety. I'll stay here as long as they'll have me and as long as there's a check."

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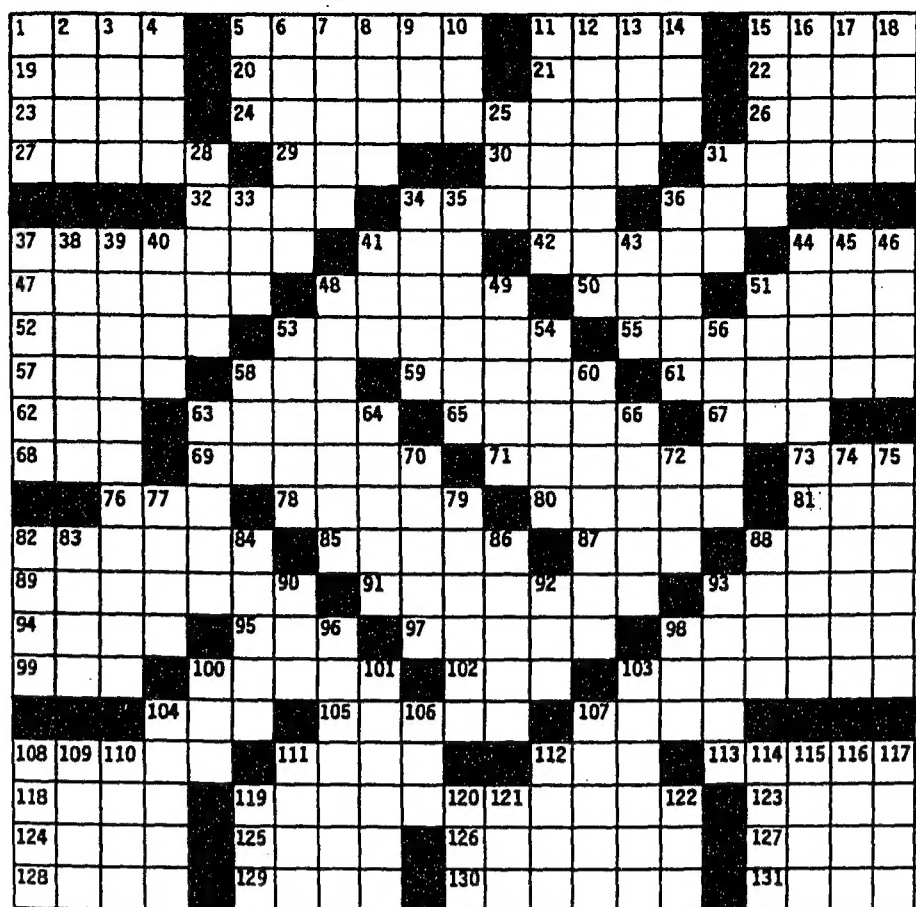
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### ACROSS

- 1 Look at closely
- 5 Distinguished diva
- 11 Deface
- 15 Fruit drinks
- 19 "Winesburg, —"
- 20 Interstice
- 21 Thrust

### DOWN

- 22 Tibetan monk
- 23 Crazy
- 24 Midwest metropolis
- 26 Norse god
- 27 Kilmer classic
- 29 Poetic form
- 30 Sacred picture
- 31 Fierce fish

### ACROSS

- 32 Religious service
- 34 Fabric
- 36 Jungle giant
- 37 Supple
- 41 Male animal
- 42 India's neighbor
- 44 Weaken
- 47 Blame

### DOWN

- 48 Clergyman
- 50 — Vegas
- 51 Peruvian Indian
- 52 Backbone
- 53 Impaired
- 55 Delicious drinks
- 57 Makes lace
- 58 Illinois Indian

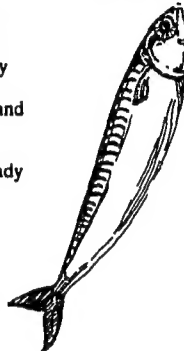
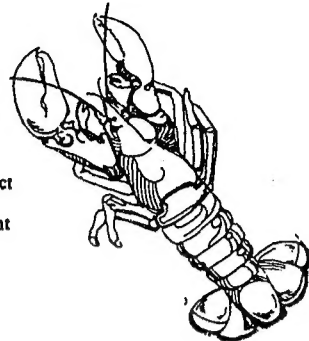
- 59 Madagascar monkey
- 61 Hangs in folds
- 62 Railroads
- 63 Competitor
- 65 Ancient city
- 67 Old times
- 68 Seize
- 69 Journalist
- 71 Wyoming range
- 73 England's airmen
- 76 Greek dawn goddess
- 78 Hinder
- 80 Satiates
- 81 Prayer
- 82 TV notable
- 85 Tricked
- 87 Small mound
- 88 Awry: dial.
- 89 Motors
- 91 Makes fast
- 93 Hair color
- 94 Perceives
- 95 Large vehicle
- 97 Incapacitated
- 98 Farm and buildings
- 99 Bristle
- 100 Rocky Mountain evergreen
- 102 Take a snooze
- 103 Less refined
- 104 Prohibit
- 105 Units of measure
- 107 Light carriage
- 108 Lead into danger
- 111 Peters or Pons
- 112 For shame!
- 113 Type
- 118 Jewish month
- 119 Running tracks
- 123 Hautboy
- 124 Chinese dynasty
- 125 Soviet city
- 126 Military command
- 127 Ocean fish
- 128 Mr. Fountain
- 129 White House lady
- 130 Antenna
- 131 Be sullen

- 6 Melodic
- 7 What a bank does
- 8 Solitary
- 9 Beverage
- 10 Vast amount
- 11 Not written
- 12 Barracks bigwig
- 13 Related
- 14 Thing, in law
- 15 Greeting
- 16 Father
- 17 Eastern prince
- 18 Went under
- 25 Fasten
- 28 Hit hard
- 31 Scale note
- 33 Core: archaeol.
- 34 Union group
- 35 Likenesses
- 36 Founded
- 37 Pay heed to
- 38 African antelope
- 39 Norwegian island group
- 40 Basks
- 41 Lad from Limerick
- 43 Greek god
- 44 Garden plants
- 45 Israeli port
- 46 Gridiron thrill
- 48 Emptied
- 49 Send money
- 51 Type of type: abbr.
- 53 Biblical king
- 54 Dandies
- 56 Peppery plant
- 58 Mr. Caesar
- 60 Spun

- 63 Piny product
- 64 Water lily
- 66 Communications
- 70 Force back
- 72 Born
- 74 Exact retribution
- 75 Branch
- 77 Cornelia — Skinner
- 79 Renounce
- 82 Western upland
- 83 Once more
- 84 "My Rosary" composer
- 86 French novelist
- 88 Winglike
- 90 — Antonio
- 92 Twilled fabric
- 93 Barnyard sounds
- 96 Beginners
- 98 Region of India
- 100 Remuneration
- 101 Dickens' forte
- 103 Wisconsin product
- 104 Versatile Victor
- 106 Varnish ingredient
- 107 Firm fiber
- 108 Moist
- 109 Singer Adams
- 110 Hypocrisy
- 111 Challenge
- 112 Liberate
- 114 Flip
- 115 Leigh Hunt hero
- 116 — Flanders
- 117 Take a look
- 119 Pillage

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